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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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TOMOHIRO SUZUKI, et al.)
:) Group Art Unit: 1651
Application No.: 10/084,167)
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Filed: February 28, 2002)
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For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE)
POLYESTER HAVING VINYL :
PHENYL STRUCTURE IN THE)
SIDE CHAIN AND ITS :
PRODUCTION METHOD) Date: August 19, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

(1) Curley, J.M., et al., "Production of Poly(3-hydroxyalkanoates) Containing Aromatic Substituents by *Pseudomonas oleovorans*", *Macromolecules*, vol. 29, no. 5, pp. 1726-1766 (1996).

The above document was cited in a Search Report dated June 6, 2003 for a counterpart European application and may be relevant for the reasons cited therein. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received an Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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